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Good Nonfiction

Reference

†Burke, W. J. & Howe, W. D., *eds.* American authors and books, 1640–1940. Gramercy pub. co. $5 **810.3**

"The purpose of this handbook is to present the most useful facts about the writing, illustrating, editing, publishing, reviewing, collecting, selling and preservation of American books from 1640 to 1940. . . For convenience the material has been arranged in dictionary form, with cross-reference to related subjects. . .In addition to authors there are several hundred entries for editors, publishers, booksellers, librarians, printers, book collectors, presidents of the United States, national heroes and famous characters about whom books have been written." Adapted from the *Preface.*

This handbook is similar to *The Oxford companion to American literature* (*Bookmark,* January 1942). "*The Oxford companion* devotes more space to each entry, particularly to synopses of books, is more selective, and devotes more space to social, historical and cultural influences on American literature. . . The volume under review is notable for its coverage of minor authors, the number of entries (15,000 according to the publisher), and its generous listing of books. Large libraries will find both useful and in many ways complementary; while small libraries will find one or the other sufficient for their needs." From *Subscription Books Bulletin,* January 1943, p. 2.

Mental Hygiene, Ethics, Religion

Fink, D. H. Release from nervous tension. Simon $2 **131**

Enlivening his sane, constructive volume with numerous illustrative stories based on case studies, Doctor Fink, a practising neuropsychiatrist, analyzes for the layman the emotional tensions that underlie nervousness and nervous troubles. Among the topics of which he writes with humor and understanding are the technic of muscular relaxation, the therapy of work, the spirit of play, the psychology of language, self-analysis, how to get along with people and new attitudes that will lead to "self-expression in social service."

Stern, *Mrs* **Edith (Mendel), & Hamilton, S. W.** Mental illness. Commonwealth Fund $1 **132**

To those concerned about a mentally ill relative, this simple, helpful and carefully grounded handbook prepared by Mrs Stern, a writer in the field of mental hygiene, in collaboration with Doctor Hamilton, mental hospital adviser in the United States Public Health Service, offers practical advice on the correction of common fallacies in regard to mental illness and on the family's relations with the patient and with the hospital. Its subject matter includes arrangements for hospitalization, hospital procedures and treatments, the maintaining of wholesome family contacts through letters and visits and posthospital attitudes and

† Indicates books which while written for adults are suitable also for use in high school libraries.

continued care. Information about state institutions in appendixes, glossary.

Van Dusen, H. P. What is the church doing? Scribner $1 **261**

Vigorous, factual, inspiring statement by the professor of systematic theology, Union Theological Seminary, relating what the Christian church is doing in three spheres: first, the churches on the Nazi-dominated European Continent; then the youngest Christian churches in countries which have become mission fields only in the more recent past; and finally the Movement of World Christianity as a whole. There are chapters on the Outlook for church union, and Church union in South India. Membership list of the World Council of Churches, as of January 1, 1943. Index.

Wilkinson, Bonaro (*Mrs* Harry Allen Overstreet). Courage for crisis. Harper $1.50 **179.6**

Believing that courage is "the result of our cultivating certain habits, outlooks and relationships," Mrs Overstreet has set down those basic attitudes "that help us to feel equal to whatever the future may bring." She cites many everyday situations to show what "ingredients" are needed in a practical recipe for courage. Among these are the organizing and simplifying of life, self-respect, understanding our stakes in the war, awareness of our resourcefulness, planning for a peacetime world, the practice of courage, the keeping up of daily standards, companionship and religion.

Yang, Yung-ch'ing. China's religious heritage. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press $1.50 **275.1**

Based on a series of lectures given at Emory University by the president of Soochow University, and professor of Chinese civilization at Bowdoin College, this stimulating little book "represents an honest and sincere effort to evaluate and interpret the cultural and religious heritage of the Chinese alongside of Christianity." The essential features of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism, "the three religions of China," are compared with each other and with the Christian gospel and teachings in which, the author believes, lies China's salvation. One chart.

Economics, Political Science, Military Science

Bemis, S. F. The Latin American policy of the United States. (Yale Univ. Institute of International studies. Publications) Harcourt $4.50 **327.73**

A careful historical interpretation of the Latin American policy of the United States from the time of New World independence to the second World War by the Farnam professor of diplomatic history and inter-American relations at Yale University. Reflecting "the vital necessities of national security and the idealism of the American people," the relations between the peoples of this hemisphere are traced through the early days of territorial problems, the formulation of the Monroe doctrine, the pursuit of the principle of "Manifest Destiny" to the development of the "Good Neighbor Policy." A valuable reference volume. Map on end papers and other maps. Tables, notes, index.

Bryan, G. S. The spy in America. Lippincott $3 **355.34**

A readable, well-documented "review of espionage and counter-espionage in America from Colonial days to the first World War." The activities of loyalists in the aid of Britain, of American patriots and of British agents are among the numerous episodes and adventures narrated, while accounts of the organization of the National Detective Agency by Allan Pinkerton, of the rise of the woman spy during the Civil War and Admiral Blue's own description of his Cuban exploits are included. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs. Bibliography, index.

Buck, Pearl (Sydenstricker) (*Mrs* Richard John Walsh). What America means to me. Day $2 **323.4**

In this collection of articles and addresses, Pearl Buck directs her deep understanding and warm sympathy to such subjects as race prejudice, the relations of East with West, the meaning of India, China's potentiality in the shaping of the future, American attitudes toward equality, freedom and relief, the need for church leadership and of security for children. Through common knowledge of "the ways and habits and beliefs and hopes of other peoples not their own," she sees the possibility

of "a good and peaceful world." Some of the material has been used in magazine articles and speeches.

Chase, Allan. Falange. Putnam $3 **335.6**

A daring, enlightening exposé of the activities of the Axis secret army, the Falange Exterior, based on official material obtained by a journalist in the course of his investigations. Describing in detail Falangist penetration and organization in the Philippines, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico, Allan Chase gives evidence of the extent of the espionage machine in South and Central America and in the United States. Map, chart and photographs. Index.

Corson, J. J. Manpower for victory; total mobilization for total war. Farrar $3 **331.112**

Believing that "the speedy and effective utilization of America's great human productive force is the most important single factor in our war effort," John J. Corson, director of the Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance, formerly director of the United States Employment Service, analyzes clearly and incisively the present urgent manpower problem. With the aid of statistics he points out where manpower is required, where it comes from, the need for replacement and for additional manpower, possible expansion by training and need for allocation as well as the effects of war on typical communities. A final chapter considers the employment situation after demobilization. Map, pictorial graphs, cartoons. Tables.

Harris, S. E. *ed.* Postwar economic problems. McGraw $3.50 **330.9**

To this authoritative, timely symposium 23 leading American economists have contributed articles suggesting important postwar economic problems and proposing specific solutions. Among the varied topics treated are the need for full employment, dislocations produced by the war, secular stagnation; postwar private investing and public spending, capitalism and economic liberalism in the postwar world, free international trade, public debt and public work, city replanning and rebuilding, labor after the war, nutrition and the agricultural situation, commodity agreements and international economic relations. For the intelligent reader. One chart. List of contributors, tables, index.

Katona, George. War without inflation. Columbia Univ. Press $2.50 **332.414**

Based on a series of lectures delivered in the New School for Social Research, New York City, this cogent discussion of the psychological problems of wartime inflation shows "in what way every individual can and should contribute to the necessary objective of preventing or arresting inflation." The extent of the economic factors which cause inflation, the relation between price fixing and rationing, the function of wartime taxes, saving and the purpose of government publicity are considered. Concluding chapters outline "possible answers to a few of the economic and psychological questions which will confront us after the war." Tables. Bibliographical notes, index.

Morgan, A. E. The small community. Harper $3 **323.35**

The president of the Dayton-Morgan Engineering Company, formerly president of Antioch College, presents an illuminating and significant study of the small community which he regards as the foundation of democratic life. He surveys briefly the underlying characteristics of the community, its needs, interests and possibilities, and discusses various facets of organization including community leadership and followership. He also takes up specific community interests such as cooperatives, health, social services, recreation, social and cultural aspects and religion. The introductory chapter is taken from an article printed in the *Atlantic Monthly*, February 1942. Suggested readings, notes, index.

Ottley, Roi. 'New world a-coming.' Houghton $3 **325.26**

A "first-hand view of the intimate pattern of life in Black America," this candid, timely, penetrating and objective study by a Negro who served as reporter for the *Amsterdam Star News*, reveals through actual occurrences and evaluations of well-known personalities the Negro's persistent search for democracy and belief in a "new world a-coming." Etching in the historical background of present-day Harlem, he distinguishes between the various racial elements to be found there, discusses the Jewish and Japanese representatives in black society, the position of the

Negro in politics and his spiritual leadership, his attitude toward job discrimination and toward the present World War. End papers decorated in color, black and white frontispiece and drawings at chapter ends. Bibliography, index.

†Shea, N. B. (*Mrs* Augustine Francis Shea). The Waacs. Harper $2.50 **355.34**

A vivaciously written handbook of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, giving the history of the service and information on the variety of work to be done, the requirements for entrance and for officers' training, details about organization and duties, on courses of study and present use of the WAACS in the field. Tables of base monthly pay, list of articles to take along, facts that every WAAC should know, daily schedule and glossary of common military words and expressions in text and a chapter on military courtesy and customs of the service. Photographs. Who's who in the WAACS in supplement and other pertinent material including chart and bibliography in appendix. Index.

Steele, E. M. Wartime opportunities for women. Dutton $2.50 **396.5**

The editorial director of Vocational Guidance Research outlines briefly the many new vocational opportunities for women, presenting "a fair evaluation of each occupation on the basis of need for immediate service to our country as well as its possibilities as a permanent and satisfying career." Requirements and duties of WAACS, WAVES, SPARS and Marines are given while jobs are suggested in the fields of aviation and industry, in nursing, dietetics, science, engineering, in technical work, civil service, transportation and in the volunteer services. Photographs. Job lists for women, selected list of federal wartime jobs and of secretaries of state nursing councils, bibliography, index.

Wanted: women in war industry by *Mrs* Laura Nelson Baker (Dutton $2.50 **331.4**) is a stimulating and helpful volume containing detailed information on how to get a job and on training in war industry, about kinds of jobs available, what a day's routine is like and what are the practical aspects of factory work and of jobs at the machine, at the workbench, at riveting, sewing, inspecting and in aircraft. One chapter deals with the employment of women in the Wright Aeronautical Corporation. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs. Labor laws for women and information on "Training within Industry" organization in appendixes, index.

Von Miklos, Josephine. I took a war job. Simon $2 **331.4**

Born of wealthy parents in Vienna, the author arrived in America in 1930, bent on a sightseeing trip and remained to learn the new lessons the beloved country of her adoption was trying to teach her. So she decided, when the war came, to thank America in the only way she knew, which was to work up her courage and, leaving New York, her sophisticated life and success as a commercial designer, to seek employment in a munitions factory in a New England town. This is the highly individual, unvarnished report of the author's "education as a factory worker," giving her forthright comments on this particular factory's methods, her own reactions to her fellow-workers and theirs to her, and explaining what adjustments she had to make in an entirely new life. A pertinent, timely narrative by a woman of indomitable spirit, who later left her factory work to become the first woman to be employed in a great shipyard.

Natural Science

Christensen, C. M. Common edible mushrooms. Univ. of Minnesota Press $2.50 **589.222**

In this helpful little volume the assistant professor of plant pathology, University of Minnesota, introduces the inexperienced person to about fifty easily recognized edible mushrooms, telling where and when to find them, and how to prepare them for eating. One section deals with "the fool proof four which any discerning person should be able to gather and eat as safely as he gathers and eats blueberries." Reproductions of 18 species in full color, and 67 halftones. Bibliography, index.

†Fenton, C. L. Our living world. Doubleday $4.50 **570**

The layman with no background of scientific information will find this non-technical biology a lucid, simple, yet authentic and comprehensive story of the science of life. The narrative is made both readable and absorbing

through the author's skilful selection of explanatory material. Profusely illustrated with photographs and sketch drawings. Index.

†Kendrew, W. G. Weather. Oxford Univ. Press $1 **551.5**

An introduction to meteorology describing in practical terms for the layman and air pilot the fundamental aspects of weather. Subjects dealt with include temperature, water vapor in the atmosphere, winds, clouds, visibility, pressure systems, air masses, depression fronts and anticyclones. A final chapter explains the synoptic chart and its importance in forecasting. Charts, graphs and diagrams in black and white. Tables, index.

†Mason, G. F. Animal tracks. Morrow $1.50 **596**

Opposite each of the 44 pages of realistic animal drawings by George F. Mason, staff artist at the Museum of Natural History, New York, is a brief, informal résumé of the habits and range of our most common animals with descriptions and reproductions in detail of their tracks and footprints. An attractive little book that will be enjoyed by young and old who wish to enlarge their knowledge of the out-of-doors. Decorated title page.

Useful Arts

Allen, I. B. (*Mrs* W. B. Chapman) Double-quick cooking for part-time homemakers. Barrows $2 **641.5**

Planned specially with a view to the maintenance of family health and morale when the homemaker's days are partially or wholly filled with defense work or other activities, this cookbook not only fills its purpose but will please any user, because of its appealing menus, its "double-quick" recipes and its other time-saving suggestions. Up-to-date (1943) in the consideration of nutrition, vitamins, the lunch box, food shortages and substitutes, avoidance of waste etc. Index.

Galdston, Iago. Behind the sulfa drugs; a short history of chemotherapy. Appleton-Century $2 **615.1**

Brief, fascinating history of chemotherapy for the layman. Tracing the discoveries of dyes and the development of bacteriology, Doctor Galdston describes in detail the researches of Louis Pasteur and of Robert Koch, the findings of Paul Ehrlich and the numerous and varied uses of the sulfonamides with their wonder-working, revolutionary effects in the practice of medicine. Index.

Graham, S. A. & O'Roke, E. C. On your own; how to take care of yourself in wild country; a manual for field and service men. Univ. of Minnesota Press $2 **613**

Intended for the tyro or tenderfoot who, finding himself in a new locality either outside or inside the continental United States, is likely to have difficulty adjusting himself to the strange environment, this useful manual, which does not replace information on first aid, presents briefly some of the things one can do to guard against discomfort or danger. Adapted from *Preface*.

The various sections deal with the problems of extreme heat and cold, preventing and treating minor injuries and infections, hazards of quicksand, quagmire and water, food in the field, edible wild plants, wild animals as food, poisonous plants, what to do about dangerous animals, insects and other irritating pests, disease carriers, equipment needed in the field etc. The authors, professors in the School of Forestry and Conservation, University of Michigan, have had wide experience in field care. Sketch drawings.

Ickes, H. L. Fightin' oil. Knopf $1.75 **665.5**

"To clear up a few issues that seem to have too many people confused, and at the same time to give a bird's-eye view of the scope of oil's contribution to the winning of the war" is the purpose of this straightforward, informal, timely volume by Harold Ickes, petroleum administrator for war. He explains "the enormity" of the transportation problem, the readjustments and changes required in the supply field, the decline of petroleum stocks and the need for conserving fuel oil and rubber and discusses the work of the Foreign Division of the Petroleum Administration, the relation of petroleum to aviation and the problem of assuring adequate oil supplies for the future. Photographs, cartoons and black and white drawings at chapter heads by Clare B. Metzger. List of terms used in the petroleum industry in appendix.

Marvin, Linda. Housekeeping made easy. Vanguard Press $1.98 **640**

In this collection of material, first used in her radio talks, Linda Marvin offers more than 2000 helpful suggestions and ingenious, money-saving shortcuts to daily household problems. The conveniently planned sections range in topic from cleaning and cooking, clothing and sewing, laundering and removal of stains to the care of children and pets, party and picnic suggestions, flowers and gardens, packing and storing, writing and mailing. Index.

Rothman, Michael. Build it yourself! a hundred good ideas for making your home more comfortable. Greenberg $1.75 **680**

The whys and hows of woodworking clearly explained for the novice. Following chapters on the principles of construction, on how to make work drawings, on selecting wood, on the selection of tools and their use, on fasteners and wood joints, the fundamentals of working with wood are demonstrated by a series of projects designed to increase the individual's skill. Wood finishing, making and repairing upholstered furniture and the use of power tools are also described. Supplementary information, tables and lists of catalogs and handbooks may be found in final section. Photographs, explanatory drawings.

Tiedjens, V. A. Vegetable encyclopedia and gardener's guide. (New home lib.) Garden City pub. co. 69c **635**

Comprehensive and useful volume for the home vegetable grower by the associate professor of vegetable gardening, Rutgers University. Part I is an "Encyclopedia of vegetables," the arrangement is alphabetical and each vegetable is fully described, with sections on soil requirements, cultural directions, diseases, and insect pests. Part II is devoted to a very complete "Encyclopedia of herbs." The "Gardener's guide," in part III, brings together discussions of soil, fertilizers, selection and choice of seeds, vitamin content, handling of tools and equipment etc. Glossary of technical terms. Diagrams and helpful drawings by Tabea Hofmann.

†Winter, W. J. War planes of all nations. Crowell $3 **623.746**

The editor of *Air Trails*, after many consultations with pilots, designers, representatives of various governments in exile, and manufacturers' representatives, presents, in this popular, up-to-date handbook, information on approximately 300 of the most important warplanes of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France, Holland, Italy and Japan. The vivid description and significant facts about each plane are followed by technical data on specifications and performance. An attractively printed volume with numerous illustrative photographs and three-view plans in black and white which will be especially helpful to airplane spotters. Glossary and index.

Fine Arts

†Crafton, Allen, & Roger, Jessica. The complete acted play from script to final curtain. Crofts $3.75 **792**

Out of 25 years' experience in the amateur theater the authors offer this simple, practical handbook for the beginning theater worker in whatever field of production he may be engaged. Chapters deal with such subjects as the physical aspects of the typical school theater, training for the director, choice of plays for production, selection of the cast, interpretation, revision and the prompt-book, stage language, general acting problems, make-up, scenery, lighting, costuming and "stage effects." Photograph frontispiece, black and white drawings and diagrams. List of books on the acted play, index.

Mansfield, T. C. Roses in colour and cultivation. Dutton $3.75 **716.2**

As in the author's *Alpines in colour and cultivation* (*Bookmark*, March 1943), the plates in this second volume of the series "The garden in colour" are made from actual color photographs, and special attention has been paid to accuracy of color reproductions. After several chapters on suggestions for growing roses, on planting, pruning, propagating roses, on diseases and pests and on general maintenance follows the useful, informing glossary, which is limited to roses and species known to be in cultivation. Eighty plates in color and 37 line drawings.

Wilkinson, A. E. Flower encyclopedia and gardener's guide. (New home lib.) Garden City pub. co. 69c **716.2**

Compact, inexpensive, well-bound, clearly printed volume by the professor of landscape gardening, University of Connecticut. Part I is the "Flower encyclopedia" in which all flowers suitable for the home garden are presented in alphabetical order, fully described, with detailed directions for planting and care. Important types and varieties are differentiated from one another. In Part II, the "Gardener's guide" discusses various kinds of gardens, soils and fertilizers, propagation of plants, care, transplanting of seedlings, greenhouses etc. Tables list heights and time of bloom of annuals and perennials, and flowers according to color. Charts, plans. A profusion of black and white drawings by Tabea Hofmann. Glossary of definitions of technical terms, with diagrams for each definition.

Literature

†Angel, Joan. Angel of the navy, the story of a WAVE. Hastings House $2 **817.5**

Her "previous maritime experience having been limited to such craft as the Hoboken Ferry," Joan Angel, destined to be a trail-blazer in the WAVES, set sail with some trepidation for her "boot training" at the Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In her gay and spirited chronicle, the young author permits the reader to become an amused spectator behind the scenes as the pioneer class goes through its indoctrination course at Cedar Falls, and as one group goes on for further training as the first female Hospital Corpsmen at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and finally to active duty at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. Much valuable information concerning the training and work of the WAVES is tucked in along the way, with suggestions for prospective WAVES and SPARS. Animated line drawings by Betty Utley St John.

†Coffin, R. P. T. Primer for America. Macmillan $2 **811.5**

Because what he had to say was "basic, direct, comprehensive, concrete, unsophisticated, and full of color," Robert P. Tristram Coffin seized his pencil and wrote this "batch of ballads," built out of "our proverbs, our rich oral American idiom and vocabulary, anything in the way of folk rime, folk habit, of good oral report from the kitchen" to serve as "first lessons in the first principles of being American." With exuberance, humor, honesty and pride, he sings of people and customs in every region of the country, including, among his homely themes, small boys and dogs, the little red school, the country doctor, the soldier who dies in his youth and fresh aspects of national heroes. Decorated title page and other black and white drawings by the author.

Phelan, P. J., *ed.* With a merry heart. Longmans $3.25 **817.5**

An entertaining, well-arranged anthology of "examples from the lighter side of modern English and American Catholic culture" by a professor of English at the University of Santa Clara. Biographical comment prefaces the selections which are grouped under the headings: "Fiction and short stories," "Humorous and satirical poetry," "Essays, letters and columns," "Plays and dialogues" and "Anecdotes of fact and fancy." Among the writers represented are Hilaire Belloc, Heywood Broun, G. K. Chesterton, T. A. Daly, Leonard Feeney, Thomas J. Walsh, Frank Sullivan, Finley Peter Dunne, John F. Kieran and Fulton J. Sheen. Silhouettes in black and white by John Bennett. Index of authors and titles.

Samuel, Maurice. The world of Sholom Aleichem. Knopf $3 **892.49**

Writing illuminatingly of the characters and cities described in the work of Sholom Aleichem, greatest of Jewish humorists and unique in his complete self-identification with his people, Maurice Samuel provides a key to the customs and traditions that prevailed in the world of Russian Jewry in the section south and west and east of Kiev, some 40 to 70 years ago. Pathos and humor are blended in this subtle explanation of the Jewish "love of life" and faith, the quarrels and reconciliations of the folk, their forms of self-criticism, characteristic curses and superstitions, the habit of study, the status of Rabbis and the importance of the "cheder," the one-room Hebrew school.

Trilling, Lionel. E. M. Forster. (Makers of modern literature) New Directions $1.50 **823.91**

In bringing to the literary reader this fine critical appreciation of the work of E. M. Forster, about whom "it is not at all certain whether he is properly regarded and truly known," Lionel Trilling, assistant professor of English at Columbia University, sheds new light on the distinguished English novelist. Following an evaluation of Forster's mental outlook and style of writing is a brief description of his schooling and educational influences, while a detailed, discriminating analysis of his short stories, novels and essays comprise the main part of the volume. The first chapter appeared as an essay in *The Kenyon Review.* Photograph frontispiece. Bibliography, index.

Wilson, Edmund, *ed.* Shock of recognition. Doubleday $5 **810.9**

An anthology of critical essays, monographs, memoirs, journals, letters, satires, dialogs and poems, which, while showing "the effect on one another of the first-rate American figures," presents the developing self-consciousness of the American genius from the middle of the last century to the end of the second decade of the twentieth. The editor, an eminent literary critic, provides each selection with an excellent introductory note. Among these literary documents, all of which are printed in full, are Lowell's *A fable for critics;* Howells' *My Mark Twain;* Henry Adams' *Life of George Cabot Lodge,* and Mencken's essays on James Huneker and Theodore Dreiser taken from his *Book of prefaces.*

Winslow, *Mrs* **A. G.** The dwelling place. Knopf $2.50 **818.5**

Whether she is writing of her childhood in the country near Memphis, and of her upbringing which needed "only the moat and drawbridge to make it altogether medieval," of the urban guest who arrives for a quiet week only to depart in haste because the peacock, thinking of getting married, begins to scream long before dawn, or of the beauties and vagaries of the weather, of ghosts and ancestors and colored servants, or of the asparagus that "has its own bed and refuses to lie in it," the author proves herself a born storyteller. The neat turn of wit, the original twist of thought and phrase, the glimpse of a delightful Southern home and hostess graciously sharing her fund of good stories make these essay-like chapters refreshing reading.

History

Brebner, J. B. & Nevins, Allan. The making of modern Britain. Norton $2.50 **942**

Allan Nevins, professor of American history, Columbia University, has written the introductory chapter and John Bartlet Brebner, associate professor of history, Columbia University, the remainder of this work which gives "a brief, modern and readable survey of British history, based on the latest scholarship but written for plain Americans." Stressing the need for Anglo-American understanding and a knowledge of their common institutions as well as their historic differentiations, the course of English national events is traced from the time of the Norman conquest down to the present. One double-page map and two other maps. Chronological tables, suggestions for further reading, index.

†**Great Britain. Air Ministry.** Coastal command; the Air ministry account of the part played by Coastal command in the battle of the seas, 1939–1942. Macmillan $1.50 **940.545**

As this vivid and accurate "chronicle of contemporary events" unfolds, it reveals the nature and activities of Britain's Coastal Command in which the Royal Navy cooperates with the Royal Air Force. A full account is given of the hunting and destruction of the "Bismarck," the organization of Coastal Command and the training of pilots and crews, reconnaissance along Norway, defense against submarine attacks, protection of convoys, "strikes" on U-boats and surface raiders, rescue flights and secret missions and blockades by mine, bomb and torpedo. Decorated end papers, photograph frontispiece and numerous British official photographs.

†*I seek my prey in the waters* by Tom Dudley-Gordon, *pseud.* (Gordon Campbell, Dudley Barker & Tom Guthrie) (Doubleday $3 **940.544**) details in a straightforward, readable report the personal experiences and observations of three R.A.F. Public Relations officers who have covered the activities of Coastal Command since

the beginning of the second World War. Photographs.

Great Britain. Ministry of information. Front line. Macmillan $1.50 **940.544**

The official story of the defense of Britain, this is the dispassionate but eloquent record of "the brave and toilsome feats" accomplished by civilians during the fierce, concentrated attacks by the German Air Force, beginning in June 1940. The heroic deeds and stubborn endurance of the men and women on the ground as they learned the technics of civilian defense carried on in the face of overwhelming horror and destruction and organized agencies for help and information are portrayed, often through quoted experience. Attacks on British seaports and dockyard towns as well as on London are described. Decorated end papers, photograph frontispiece and numerous other gripping photographs.

†Haines, C. G. & Hoffman, R. J. S. The origins and background of the second World War. Oxford Univ. Press $4.25; college ed. $3.25 **940.531**

In this comprehensive and well-considered contemporary history, Professor Haines of Syracuse University and Professor Hoffman of Fordham University survey "the present global convulsion . . . against the background of world events since World War I" and "in relation to the main currents of modern political, economic, cultural, religious and ideological history." Among the subjects discussed are totalitarian challenge and German ambition, the organization of the League of Nations and its defeat, the transformation of Russian Communism, the rise of Italian Fascism and German National Socialism, Japan's defiance of the League, the great powers and the Spanish War, the Czech crisis, the invasion of Russia and the United States' entrance into the war. Maps. Bibliographies at chapter ends, index.

Haugland, Vern. Letter from New Guinea. Farrar $1.50 **940.548**

The amplification of a brief diary first published in the American press, this informal yet vivid report describes the miraculous escapes from a series of disasters that befell an Associated Press correspondent when the plane in which he took off from Australia landed him in the thick jungles of New Guinea. Tortured by heavy, nocturnal rains and caught in swirling river currents, he subsisted on berries, grass and reeds as he fought exposure and starvation, finding after 42 days of wandering, a trail that led him to a native Papuan village, to kindly missionaries, and eventually, to a hospital at Port Moresby. Throughout his soul-trying experiences he was aware of the fantastic beauty of the landscape and "knew at last for certain that somewhere there was God . . . and that He was merciful."

Hindus, M. G. Mother Russia. Doubleday $3.50 **947.084**

In this wise, perceptive and sympathetic account of his most recent trip to his native country, Maurice Hindus describes the finding of a new Russia, "that had rediscovered her past, reappraised her present and her future," and was directing every effort to the fashioning of a new world. In order to bring "the reader a fresh understanding of the Russian people," he quotes conversations with a variety of persons and cites actual, sometimes startling, happenings, writing eloquently of youthful heroes, of the basic aims of Russia's "Plans," of the spirit of creativeness and adventure that animates present-day society, of the unbroken preoccupation with culture and of the important role played by women in all avenues of life. Photographs.

Lawson, T. W. Thirty seconds over Tokyo; ed. by Robert Considine. Random House $2 **940.544**

One of the volunteers for an important, dangerous, unknown mission, Ted Lawson, pilot of a B-25, went through the arduous months of preliminary training and still in the dark, saw his own bomber and 15 others loaded on the deck of the aircraft carrier "Hornet." Not until the next morning at sea were the crews told by Doolittle that their destination was Japan. This is the graphic, stirring visualization of one man's part in "the most intricately schemed, diligently practiced, and farflung military raid in history." Few indeed are the pages describing the successful climax of the mission, but the tension that increases up to that point continues unabated as the chronicle narrows down to the crash of Lawson and his men, their ordeal of flight, tortured by agonizing wounds,

with the Japanese only one jump behind, but brought through to safety by loyal, devoted Chinese guerrillas, villagers, coolies, doctors and soldiers. Map on end papers, photographs.

Maisel, A. Q. Africa, facts and forecasts. Duell $2.75 **960**

A timely, popular "handbook on the past, present and future of a continent." Part I is concerned with the Libyan campaign, Rommel's defeat and the strategic value of Africa in the present war; Part II applies the various articles of the Atlantic Charter to existing conditions in Africa; while Part III considers the status and problems of the people in the British territories and dependencies, in the French Empire, in the Portuguese and Italian territories, the Belgian Congo and the independent countries and mandates. Map on end papers and photographic map based on a relief map. Bibliography.

†**Miller, J. C.** Origins of the American revolution. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $3.50 **973.3**

A fresh, well-documented and authoritative interpretation of the principles, policies and events that distinguished the decade preceding the Revolutionary War. The economic and political background of the colonies, their culture, social life and sectional conflicts are discussed in detail as are also the British quest for colonial revenue through the Sugar Act, the Stamp Act and the Townshend duties, the decline and later survival of the revolutionary movement culminating in the Boston Tea Party and the first Continental Congress. Leading figures in the controversies of the times are vividly portrayed while the growth of the "two irreconcilable conceptions of the nature of the British Empire and the rights of Americans" is skilfully traced. Of reference value. Map on end papers, decorated title page and drawings in black and white by Eric M. Simon. Chronology, index.

†**White, W. L.** Queens die proudly. Harcourt $2.50 **940.544**

Through the personal narratives of Lieutenant Colonel Frank Kurtz, his wife and his crew, the author of *They were expendable* (*Bookmark*, January 1943) tells the gripping, poignant story of the Flying Fortress, "The Swoose," one of the few planes in the Far Eastern Air Force to recover from the terrible debacle at Clark Field in the Philippines. How it proceeded southward in the Pacific to the war zone of Java and on to Australia, finally reaching California, is related now from the point of view of Mrs Kurtz, eagerly awaiting news, now from that of the men. Besides being a human, accurate record of the fighting over Java, the book vividly conveys the feeling of the pilot toward his plane and his crew, "it's like his home and his family." Map on end papers.

†*Torpedo 8* by Ira Wolfert (Houghton $2 **940.544**) is another moving account of the recovery of our fighting men after almost complete annihilation. In the graphic, picturesque style that distinguished the author's *Battle for the Solomons* (*Bookmark*, March 1943) the new "Torpedo 8," composed of two survivors from the Battle of Midway plus remnants of the old squadron and "replacements," is shown living up to its new slogan, "Attack — and Vengeance," performing tasks with dogged persistence and expert execution in the struggle for Guadalcanal.

Wordell, M. T. & Seiler, E. N. Wildcats over Casablanca; as told to Keith Ayling. Little $2.50 **940.544**

Interviews with Lieutenant "Mac" Wordell, executive officer of a Grumman "Wildcat" squadron, with Lieutenant Seiler and many other American Navy men have resulted in this vigorous, "history-making" story of the first carrier-based aircraft to support invasion troops and to gain control of the air over hostile territory in French Morocco. Exciting and hazardous adventures and numerous incidents showing bravery and resourcefulness and the "team spirit" of the Navy are realistically and skilfully recounted. Map on end papers.

Description and Travel

Franklin, A. B. Ecuador. Doubleday $3.50 **918.6**

Told "more through anecdote than through statistics," this is an entertaining and informing, firsthand account of the small Republic of Ecuador and its people. Vivid descriptions of the country, something of history, customs and legend and estimates of past and present leaders are contained in the volume together with an appraisal of Ecuador's relations with other South American

countries and with the United States. Map. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs. Index.

Fung, Kwok-ying. China. Holt $5 **915.1**

Introductions to each of the six sections of this handsome quarto volume and the captions opposite each of the 83 superb photographs describe China's national heritage, architecture and sculpture, religion, education, way of life and means of livelihood. "Typical of the people and the spirit of the country," the photographs have been arranged and edited by Fritz Henle. Photograph frontispiece.

Lavender, D. S. One man's West. Doubleday $2.50 **917.8**

As a young man, the author of this leisurely, personal chronicle of the West worked in a Colorado gold mine and later settled as a rancher in southeastern Utah. The magnificent scenery, the individual characteristics of the men and women he met, the delights of mountaineering and the "long hours of monotony and swift minutes of bright excitement" that accompanied the trailing of cattle are described in vivid, nostalgic word pictures interspersed with humorous anecdotes. Frontispiece and other line drawings by William Arthur Smith.

†**Richmond, Bernice.** Winter Harbor. Holt $2.50 **917.41**

Falling heir unexpectedly to $1500, the author and her husband agreed nothing could be half as much fun as owning a lighthouse on the Maine coast. This is the exhilarating, refreshing chronicle of all the beauty and excitement, hard work and play that were packed into the first three summers on Mark island in Frenchman bay at the entrance to Winter Harbor. From the great moment when, across the water, she first saw the tower and the house and her island, Bernice Richmond shares with the captivated reader her early explorations, the none-too-easy moving of three tons of furniture up to the lighthouse, the slow process of turning it into a home, aided by willing guests and the friendly people of Winter Harbor, and all the excitement and activities connected with the sea—glorious days of storm, clam digging, picknicking and calm moonlight nights on the water. Photographs. Decorated title page, chapter heads and pen and ink sketches scattered through the text by John O'Hara Cosgrave II.

Wales, H. G. Q. Years of blindness. Crowell $3 **915**

From firsthand observation and knowledge of India and the Far East gained in various capacities including Siamese government service and archeological exploration, H. G. Quaritch Wales surveys with subtlety and deep penetration the changes that have taken place in the Orient within the past two decades. Pointing out "that when we have settled accounts with Japan we shall still be left with the infinitely larger question of our future relations with Asia as a whole," he writes with complete understanding of Malayan customs and government, of Gandhi's influence in India, of conditions in the Dutch East Indies, of the Eurasian question, of Japan's exaggerated nationalism and of economic conditions in Indo-China, Siam and China. Throughout he traces "the downward trend of the white man in Asia" and "the positive upward surge of the Asiatics." Index.

Biography

†*Baden-Powell, R. S. S.* **Reynolds, E. E.** Baden-Powell. Oxford Univ. Press $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Lord Baden-Powell's long, happy and useful "double life" as a soldier and as the founder of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements is the subject of this vivid biography that quotes frequently from letters, diaries and other firsthand material. His boyhood, years of service in India and in South Africa and as Inspector-General of Cavalry are described in the first part of the book while an account of the important role he played in the creation, development and expansion of the Scout and Guide movements is given in the second part. Plan of the Mafeking defense on end papers, maps, photographs and drawings in black and white from originals by Lord Baden-Powell. Supplementary information in appendixes, index.

Benjamin, Judah P. **Meade, R. D.** Judah P. Benjamin. Oxford Univ. Press $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

Carefully documenting his colorful, definitive record of Judah P. Benjamin, the Confederate statesman, the author, head of the history department at

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, recreates the life and times of a versatile and resilient personality. He writes of Benjamin's heritage as a member of a Spanish-Jewish family, his college years and study of the law which led to the position of United States senator and to the grave responsibilities of Attorney General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State under Jefferson Davis in the beleaguered Southern Government. How he escaped from "the fast-pressing Yankees" to attain recognition as an eminent and able leader of the bar in England brings to a close the chronicle of a life that "offers one of the most remarkable examples in modern history of successful struggle against adversity." Photograph frontispiece and other photographs. Notes, bibliography, index.

Churchill, Lady Randolph. **Kraus, René.** Young Lady Randolph. Putnam $3.50 **B** *or* **92**

Born under different stars, molded by widely varying influences, the beautiful, magnetic Jennie Jerome, a cosmopolitan society girl with an American background and Lord Randolph Churchill, heir to the centuries and an English country squire, met at a ball at Cowes, fell in love and became engaged at their third meeting. This graphic portrayal of the gay social and strenuous political life of an "explosive" young couple, the parents of Winston Spencer Churchill, emphasizes Lady Randolph's ineradicable zest for life and her brilliant handling of her difficult double role of captivating London society and of extricating that stormy petrel, her beloved husband, from the political hot water in which he was always plunging himself. The chronicle includes some account of Winston Churchill's childhood and youth and ends as he left the army to devote himself entirely to politics. Photographs, including portrait frontispiece. Short bibliography.

Magee, John G., jr. **Hagedorn, Hermann.** Sunward I've climbed. Macmillan $1.75 **B** *or* **92**

In this sympathetic and charmingly written life story of the 19-year-old aviator and poet, John Gillespie Magee jr, whose "High flight" has been recognized as a significant poem of the second World War, is epitomized the spirit of all those sensitive, gifted youths whose adolescent promise is finding the sad finality of death "in the cause of humanity." At schools in China, in Japan, in England and in the United States the gay, self-willed and volatile boy is seen alternating between brilliance and mediocrity in his work, sincere in his strivings, while socially and emotionally he is erratic and mercurial. His developing maturity, his training and his active service while in the Royal Canadian Air Force are described mainly through quotations from letters to his parents. Photograph frontispiece.

Seagrave, G. S. Burma surgeon. Norton $3 **B** *or* **92**

Going out to Burma with his young wife and baby and a wastebasket full of discarded, broken-down surgical instruments, the author, a medical missionary, set up his practice under almost impossible conditions. Unorthodox as a missionary, and decidedly unorthodox as a doctor, Gordon Seagrave over the years untiringly fought plague and malaria, performed every kind of operation, trained an excellent corps of native nurses, installed modern equipment in new hospital buildings and got to know the country and the people. Then came the Japanese and the doctor took over the medical care of the entire Chinese Sixth Army under the British command, until with the coming of General Stilwell, he and his surgical units and his devoted group of nurses were transferred to the American Army. Written with a crackling verve and unquenchable humor, the narrative, continuously absorbing and full of vivid detail, ends with the account of the grueling retreat with Stilwell. Frontispiece map, excellent photographs.

Stone, Irving. They also ran. Doubleday $3.50 **B** *or* **92**

What might have been the course of United States history if the defeated candidates for the presidency had been elected is the theme of this lively, provocative, well-documented volume which attempts "to extract the vital essence" of the 19 "Also Rans" from Henry Clay and Lewis Cass to Alfred M. Landon and Wendell L. Willkie. They are grouped according to the similarity of their backgrounds as journalists, "three time losers," judges, "main chance politicos," governors and "honest Wall Street lawyers." Chrono-

logical chart of presidential candidates on end papers, photographs. Source notes, bibliography, index.

Tucker, Louis. Clerical errors. Harper $3 **B** *or* **92**

Looking back on his rich, crowded and sometimes turbulent years, Doctor Tucker recalls his happy youth as son of a Confederate soldier who became an Episcopalian minister, his student days, his marriage to his beloved Susie and the responsibilities that came with fatherhood and his ministry in numerous Southern parishes. Through the ups and downs of his professional experiences with persons in all walks of life he emerges, quixotic, unconventional, zestful and candid, fond of telling humorous, ironic stories and eminently proud of being a mid-Victorian.

†**Yost, Edna.** American women of science. Stokes $2 **B** *or* **92**

The notable contributions of 12 American women to the scientific progress of the 20th century are detailed in these popularly written, informing biographies, ten of which are of living scientists. Included in the collection are Ellen H. Richards, authority on sanitation; Annie Jump Cannon, Harvard astronomer; Alice Hamilton, expert in industrial poisons; Florence Rena Sabin, noted for her researches on the blood vessels and tuberculosis; Mary Engle Pennington, authority on the refrigeration of perishable foods; Lillian Moller Gilbreth, management engineer; Libbie Henrietta Hyman, zoologist; Wanda K. Farr, discoverer of the origin of cellulose; Hazel K. Stiebeling, international authority on food problems; Florence B. Seibert, "discoverer" of tuberculin; Katharine Burr Blodgett, research physicist; Margaret Mead, anthropologist. Of interest to both younger and older readers.

Fiction

Bottome, Phyllis. Survival. Little $2.50

The web of his life torn into fragments by Hitler's cruel power and by his Aryan wife's desertion, Rudi von Ritterhaus, brilliant Viennese psychiatrist of Jewish extraction, finds a haven in England with friends of long standing. Taking the form of pages from Rudi's diary from April 1939 through the terrible nights of the bombing of Plymouth in 1941, this subtly penetrating novel is an understanding study not only of the English people in general during this period, but also of Rudi's attempt, while running a hospital for bomb victims, to unravel an emotional tangle involving a closely knit group at Silver Fountains, the country estate of the middle-aged, wealthy Lord Wendover and his neurotic wife. More conservative readers may take exception to the central situation and the psychoanalytical approach to it. A serial version appeared in the *Ladies' Home Journal.*

Goodman, Jack, *ed.* Fireside book of dog stories. Simon $3

An ample and varied collection of excellent dog stories, including two complete novels, 33 short stories and articles, several novelettes and a play. Among the authors whose work is represented are W. H. Hudson, Alexander Woollcott, Richard Harding Davis, Anatole France, E. B. White, Bertha Damon, G. B. Stern, Eric Knight, Albert Payson Terhune and Robert Louis Stevenson. The book's jacket is double and inside may be found a dog map in color picturing 66 breeds of dogs and the places of their origin.

Hsiung, Shih-i. The bridge of heaven. Putnam $2.75

After 20 years of childlessness and futile consultation with quack doctors, Li Ming, a niggardly scoundrel, decides to win favor with Heaven by rebuilding a little bridge, reluctantly paying for it all by himself, and calling it the Bridge of Heaven. When his child is born dead, Li Ming rushes off and buys a poor fisherman's newborn son, only to find upon his return that his wife has borne a second son. The comic spirit which plays like summer lightning over the brilliantly etched early pages of this fascinating novel gradually merges with the realism of revolutionary activities, as the foster son, always the eager student, becomes interested in the General Reform and takes an important part in the events leading up to Sun Yat-Sen's *coup d'etat,* while Shiao Ming, the real son, a lazy but wily good-for-nothing first attempts to keep the beautiful Lotus Fragrance from marrying Ta Tung and then stubbornly continues to cross and recross their thorny path. Rich in interpretation of Chinese character, customs and politics.

Idell, A. E. Centennial summer. Holt $2.75

Just when all the world is coming to Philadelphia to visit the Centennial Exposition of 1876, Aunt Zena, a wealthy flirtatious Italian with a past, arrives from Paris with her handsome nephew, Philippe, for a prolonged stay with her equally temperamental sister, wife of an irascible railroad man and mother of two marriageable daughters and an irrepressible pair of twins. Life in this middle-class Philadelphia household, far from placid at its best, mounts to a new series of tempests, as Aunt Zena attempts to dominate her sister, flatter her brother-in-law and arrange a marriage between Philippe and her namesake, a cold, calculating beauty who realizes her gentle sister Julia is genuinely in love with the young Frenchman. Entertaining depiction of a lively, turbulent group against the background of the city's modes and manners and the excitement of "the biggest exhibition ever held."

Leslie, A. G. Dancing saints. Doubleday $2.50

Sent by his dying mother to be brought up in a Shaker community, eight-year-old Orville Thatcher, at first rebellious, comes to like the Shaker ways, with their routine of hard work and peculiar religious observances. As Orville, through the passing years, grows into an apparently stable and contented Brother of the Society, with only occasional lapses into restlessness and questioning, the old Shaker family of which he feels a part is seen dwindling away, harassed financially and refusing to accept progress of any sort. The special interest of the story is in the intimate insight it gives into Shaker beliefs and daily life and in the strongly contrasted characters, some sure of their "vocation," some suddenly breaking away to go forth into the world. Occasional readers may find some scenes objectionable.

Maclean, C. M. The Tharrus three. Macmillan $2.50

Tharrus, the spacious farmhouse under the Scotch moors, that early in the war had sheltered several little city évacuées (*Seven for Cordelia. Bookmark*, May–August 1942) now has but three of the children left, Big Jock Douglas, soon to take a man's place on the farm, the sensitive Wee Rab, and "the little witless loon" Jockie Fife. As the months of 1941 pass and the acute labor shortage calls old ploughmen and shepherds back to work at Tharrus, this warm and humorous story, against a background of "tattie-planting," blanket-washing down by the burn, and the great battle for the harvest, follows the three boys clattering about the place and follows Cordelia, the sunny mistress of the house who, no matter how rigorous the days, has time not only to listen to a boy's troubles and the worries of the Master, but also to plan those gay little excursions and diversions that relieve tension and pressure in a world at war.

Marquand, J. P. So little time. Little $2.75

Middle-aged Jeffrey Wilson in the early months of the second World War finds himself at the top of his profession as a doctor of other men's plays and affluent enough to keep his rich, rather brainless wife in the style she had been accustomed to as a girl. In portraying the different worlds in which Jeffrey moves, in New York as father of a family, meeting the "nice people" his wife enjoys, in the theater, in Hollywood and in a relationship, no longer platonic, with a successful actress, Marquand with satiric and devastating urbanity, seeks to unveil mental attitudes, the activities and reactions of a varied assortment of Americans including a famous war correspondent. Only in dealing with Jeffrey's love for his son Jim, and his determination to see to it that the boy has a chance to be happy in the little time he may have, does Marquand forego irony for warm, uncritical understanding.

Moberg, Vilhelm. Ride this night! tr. by Henry Alexander. Doubleday $2.50

In 17th century Sweden, a little village of 12 farms, drawn closely together in a circle for protection against the dangers lurking in the great woods by which they are surrounded, now finds a greater danger in the arrogant demands of a German nobleman in a neighboring manor house who has bought from the Crown the income from the taxes on the village, and orders the peasants to work as day laborers at the manor. Of all the men, only the fearless Ragnor Svedje, betrothed to the alderman's lovely daughter, dares defend his immemorial rights

and has to flee to the forest, awaiting the day, when the fiery cross, carried by peasants riding from village to village by night, will summon the oppressed to rise against the oppressor. A moving, somber, yet stirring novel, timely in its significance and rich in detail that illuminates the superstitions and the mores of the people.

Morris, Hilda. The Tuckers tune in. Putnam $2.50

Within easy reach of New York Cornelia and George Tucker, a nice young couple, have been content to stay home in suburban North Eden, pay off the mortgage and enjoy Dave and Sue, their growing children. In this pleasant story the Tuckers are perspicaciously and humorously observed, as, jolted out of their provincial rut with the coming of radio and with Cornelia's invitation to join a literary and civic club, they change with the changing times and widen their horizons while some of their more conservative neighbors frown on everything that denotes progress as "new-fangled gadgets." That radio has played an important and valuable role over the years is a theme that is constantly stressed.

†**O'Hara, Mary.** Thunderhead. (Story Press bk) Lippincott $2.75

On Goose Bar Ranch, introduced in *My friend Flicka* (*Bookmark*, January 1942) Rob and Nell McLaughlin, helped by their sons, Howard and Ken, are still raising thoroughbred horses, but financially and otherwise things are going badly for them. At the crucial moment young Ken's filly, Flicka, now a gentle three-year-old, presents the world with a little kicking, fighting demon, a white foal, a throwback to his great-grandsire, a wild white, outlaw stallion of the plains. The question as to whether Thunderhead will develop into a fine race horse, and thus save the ranch, or whether his wild blood will send him out to attempt to invade the kingdom of the aging but still all-powerful Albino, is inextricably woven into the story of Ken's own impetuous nature and his development as he struggles to conquer both Thunderhead and himself.

Pratt, Theodore. (Timothy Brace, *pseud.*) The barefoot mailman. Duell $2.50

Just turned 21, Steven has been officially appointed mail carrier from Palm City to Miami and in the 80's that meant walking the beach barefoot along the wild, roadless coast, three days each way to cover the trip, sometimes in broiling sun, sometimes in danger from thieving beachcombers and occasionally with someone in tow as a "passenger." On his very first trip, Steven agrees to take with him a boy who, to shy Steven's confusion and consternation, proves to be a pretty girl in disguise. Weaving into the story true incidents such as the Great Wine Wreck, the coming of the Celestial Railroad, the hotly contested election held over the site of the courthouse, and the gruesome fate of one of these unique mail carriers in shark-infested water, Theodore Pratt recaptures the life of this section of the country just as a slick Yankee boomer, another of Steven's passengers, sets about developing the land and trying to win the pretty girl from the barefoot mailman.

Taylor, R. M. The saddle and the plow. Bobbs $2.50

Up "in the looping bend of the Red River." Brazos Bolton makes a home for his lovely young wife, Mary, and raises cows and horses on the 5000 acres of good Texas land that had been a wedding gift. This vivid, robust historical novel of the 80's tells of Brazos' spirited fight against fire and wind and cold, of the temporary estrangement between him and Mary and how, contemptuous of the "dirt scratchers" who were taking the place of the "lean, fit plainsmen," he builds anew and realizes the fulfillment of his hopes and plans when his son is born.

Mystery and detective stories

Disney, D. C. (*Mrs* **Milton MacKaye).** Crimson Friday. Random House $2

Kelsey, Vera. Satan has six fingers. (Crime club) Doubleday $2

Knight, Clifford. The affair of the jade monkey. Dodd $2

Marsh, Ngaio. Colour scheme. Little $2.50

Street, C. J. C. (John Rhode, *pseud.*). Dead on the track. Dodd $2

Wylie, Philip. Corpses at Indian Stones. Farrar $2

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